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Attorney Docket No. : DB000624-003

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued 21 October 2003 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

- Response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

A return postcard is also enclosed. Please date stamp and mail the postcard in order to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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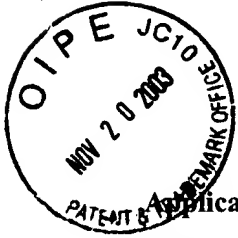
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued 21 October 2003, please enter the following response.

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.